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SUBJECT: RL AND RFE HELD TO VIOLATE HELSINKI FINAL ACT

1. SUMMARY. A LENGTHY, DETAILED ATTACK ON RADIO LIBERTY (RL) AND RADIO FREE EUROPE (RFE) BY V. KASSIS AND M. MIKHAYLOV IN AUGUST 28 IZVESTIYA SEEKS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT U.S. SPONSORSHIP OF THEIR ACTIVITIES CONSTITUTES A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF U.S. OBLIGATIONS AS A SIGNATORY OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ARTICLE MEASURE THE "SUBVERSIVE RADIO STATIONS" AGAINST THE YARDSTICK OF BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT THAT "CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND INFORMATION MEDIA MUST SERVE HUMANE IDEALS, THE CAUSE OF PEACE, AND THE PROMOTION OF TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLES." INSTEAD, THE STATIONS "POISON THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE."

3. THE AUTHORS CITE THE DISCLOSURES OF CZECHOWICZ MINARIK, KHRISTOV, AND MARIN AS PROVING THAT PERIODIC RE-ORGANIZATIONS OF THE STATIONS DID NOT END THEIR TIES WITH CIA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AS SHOWN BY THE IDENTITY AND PAST ACTIVITIES OF THEIR MANAGING PER-

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SONNEL--SCOTT, COOK, WALTER, MONTONDO, FISHER, EIDLIN,

POOL, ELBOT, PEYTCH, RONALDS AND LODEESEN (PHONETIC). THE OPERATIONAL STAFF, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSISTS OF EX-GESTABPO HIRELINGS AND MORE RECENT TRAITORS TO THE SOVIET UNION. RECENT EFFORTS TO UPDATE THE STAFF BY BRINGING IN NEW BLOOD RESULTED IN THE ADDITION OF EQUALLY UNSAVORY CHARACTERS: A. KUZNETSOV-- A "SEXUAL MANIAC"; A. GALICH-- AN ALCOHOLIC WHO ABANDONED TWO WIVES AND DAUGHTERS, WHO CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY AND THEN LEFT FOR ISRAEL; AND V. MAKSIMOV--WHO HAS BEEN "DEPRIVED OF SOVIET CITIZENSHIP." ALSO MENTIONED ARE LESSER LIGHTS OF SIMILAR NOTORIETY, INCLUDING ROITMAN, AGURSKIY, DAVYDOVICH, VENTSOV, KRONCHER, GORBANEVSKAYA, AND ZEMTSOV.

4. A REVIEW OF SELECTED EXAMPLES OF THE STATIONS' OUTPUT IS USED TO REFUTE THE STATIONS' CLAIMS TO "OBJECTIVITY" AND TO DEMONSTRATE THE INTENTION OF BOTH MANAGERIAL AND STAFF PERSONNEL TO SUBVERT THE SOVIET REGIME AND TO SERVE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE. THIS ACTIVITY, CONCLUDES THE ARTICLE, "IS CLEARLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE BY THE HEADS OF 35 GOVERNMENTS WHO SIGNED IT. . ." INCLUDING THE OBLIGATION TO "REFRAIN FROM ANY INTERFERENCE, DIRECT OR INDIRECT," IN THE AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER SIGNATORY STATE. IT OBSERVES, FINALLY, THAT THE RECENTLY FORMED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MONITORING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE FINAL ACT COULD POSSIBLY PERFORM A USEFUL FUNCTION IF IT DELVED INTO THE MACHINATIONS OF CIA AND THE ORGANIZATIONS IT CONTROLS, SUCH AS RL AND RFE.

5. COMMENT: THE IZVESTIYA PIECE BRINGS TOGETHER AND REPEATS MANY OF THE CRITICISMS OF RL AND RFE WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN VARIOUS SOVIET PUBLICATIONS. WHILE LITTLE NEW INFORMATION COMES OUT OF THIS LENGTHY TRACT, TO DEVOTE SO MUCH SPACE IN IZVESTIA TO A REHASH OF COMPLAINTS GIVES A CLEARER INDICATION OF THE LEVEL OF SOVIET DISCONTENT. STOESSEL

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